

S/N 09/339,132

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Rainey	Examiner:	Novosad, C.
Serial No.:	09/339,132	Group Art Unit:	3671
Issued:	June 24, 1999	Docket No.:	03616.0237USI1
Title:	SEGMENTAL RETAINING WALL SYSTEM		

SECOND REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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Sir:

The assignee respectfully request that a Certificate of Correction be issued correcting printing errors appearing in the above-identified United States patent. One copy of the text of the Certificate in the suggested form is enclosed.

As none of the errors listed is due to Applicant's mistake, no fee is necessary in connection with this Certificate.

Issuance of the Certificate of Correction would neither expand nor contract the scope of the claims, and re-examination is not required.

Statement of Undisputed Facts

1. Attached as Exhibit A is a photocopy of a Preliminary Amendment mailed on January 21, 2000, along with a stamped postcard receipt bearing a receipt date by the PTO of January 24, 2000. Page 2 of the Amendment shows an amendment to the specification that deletes the entire paragraph entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION."

2. Attached as Exhibit B is page 1 of the specification as filed, which shows the entire paragraph referred to as "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION."

3. On October 25, 2005, the Assignee filed a Request for Certificate of Correction directing that the cross-reference to related application, setting forth the priority claim, be deleted, as was consistent with the Preliminary Amendment received by the PTO on January 24, 2000.

4. On July 18, 2007, the PTO denied the Request for Certificate of Correction filed October 25, 2005. The PTO stated that the request for Certificate of Correction was denied because a priority claim cannot be added or withdrawn after patenting.

5. The Assignee requested reconsideration of this denial in a paper filed August 7, 2007. The Assignee never received a response, and the image file wrapper in PAIR does not show that the PTO ever acted on the August 7, 2007 Request for Reconsideration.

Argument

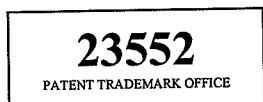
The Preliminary Amendment submitted on January 21, 2000 and received by the PTO on January 24, 2000 had withdrawn the priority claim. This is clear by the directive to the PTO to delete the entire paragraph entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION." The Assignee was not attempting to add or withdraw a priority claim after patenting; rather, the assignee was merely requesting that the Certificate of Correction accurately reflect the actual PTO record, which shows in the file history that the priority claim was cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment submitted January 21, 2000.

Therefore, this claimed priority should have been deleted by the PTO upon entry of the January 21, 2000 Amendment.

The Assignee requests the PTO to issue a Certificate of Correction, as attached. If the PTO again denies this request for Certificate of Correction, the Assignee asks the PTO to explain why the Preliminary Amendment of January 21, 2000 was not effective in withdrawing the priority claim.

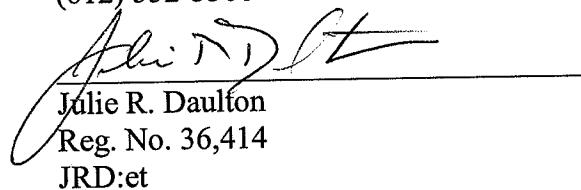
It is not believed that any fees are due. Nevertheless, the PTO is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 if there are fees due.

If the PTO believes a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues in this patent, the PTO was invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.



Date: June 5, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
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Serial No.: 09/339,132) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Filed: June 24, 1999) Docket No. 51810-1050
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For: **SEGMENTAL RETAINING**)
 WALL SYSTEM)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

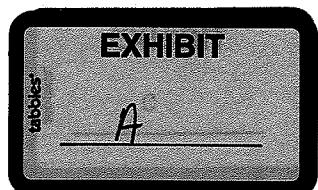
Sir:

Applicant submits the following preliminary amendment. It is not believed that additional fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional fees are necessary, such fees are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

CERTIFIED MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "First Class Mail," in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box Amendment, Washington, D.C. 20231 on July 24, 2000.

Signature: Allison M. Olson



Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

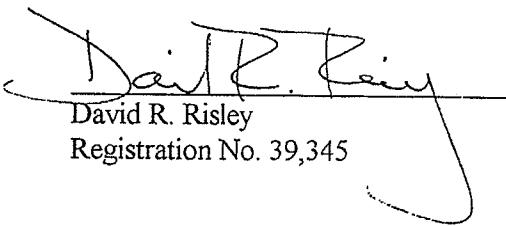
In the Specification

On page 1, line 3, please delete the entire paragraph entitled "**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**".

CONCLUSION

Applicant does not wish to claim priority to and the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/049,627, filed March 27, 1998, for the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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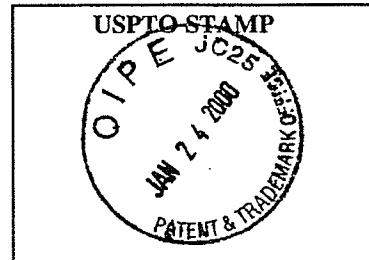
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SEGMENTAL RETAINING WALL SYSTEM

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

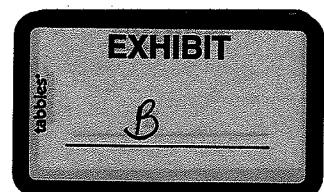
This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/049,627, filed
5 March 27, 1998.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates generally to earth retaining walls. More particularly, the invention relates to a segmental retaining wall system comprising retaining means for 10 attaching reinforcement members to the retaining wall.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Segmental retaining walls commonly are used for architectural and site development applications. Such walls are subjected to very high pressures exerted by 15 lateral movements of the soil, temperature and shrinkage effects, and seismic loads. Therefore, the wall is often tied into the backfill soil, typically with tensile reinforcement members. Usually, elongated structures, commonly referred to as geogrids or reinforcement fabrics, are used to provide this reinforcement. Geogrids often are configured in a lattice arrangement and are constructed of a metal or plastic, while



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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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APPLICATION NO.: 09/339,132

ISSUE DATE : Jul. 9, 2002

INVENTOR(S) : Rainey

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1, lines 3 to 5, the sentence "This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/049,627, filed Mar. 27, 1998 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,089,793." should be deleted.

MAILING ADDRESS OF SENDER (Please do not use customer number below):

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